



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

**Date:** June 16, 2003

**To:** HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Subject:** PRESENTATION ON THE ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES  
INITIATIVE IN MINNEAPOLIS

**Recommendation**  
Receive and File

**Previous Directives**  
None

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Department of Health  
Diana DuBois, Minnesota International Health Volunteers  
Qamar Ibrahim, LEAD

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)  
☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

This presentation will focus on efforts to reduce health disparities in Minneapolis. Presenters will provide general information on health disparities affecting racial and ethnic groups in Minneapolis, and update the committee on the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI). Approximately \$6 million over a 2-year period has been allocated to community agencies working in Minneapolis to reduce health disparities. MDHFS supports the work of the EHDI grantees by providing technical assistance, help with data collection and analysis, policy updates, and by convening the grantees on a regular basis.